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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-1008 - Agenda Item Number: X. G.

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Thu, Mar 21, 2024 at 2:25 PM

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or Resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [empowerla@lacity.org](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/18/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

### Impact Information

Date: 03/21/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Animal Services Commissioners

Council File Number: 23-1008

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Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council has a number of concerns regarding the ongoing conditions in our animal shelters. Please see the attached document for our full statement.

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[Council File 23-1093](#)

Relief Animal Care Worker Positions / Administrative Clerk Positions / Department of Animal Services (DAS) / As-Needed Hiring

[Council File 23-1008](#)

Funding & Breeding Permit Moratorium / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Amendment

We are writing concerning the adopted Council File: 23-1093 for Relief Animal Care Worker Positions/Administrative Clerk Positions/Department of Animal Services (DAS)/As-Needed Hiring/Funding of an additional \$2,992,800 and Council File: 23-1008 for Breeding Permit Moratorium / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Amendment. With a budget set at \$26.94 million for 2024, representing a 56% increase from the previous year, LA Animal Services persistently requests funds without effectively enforcing essential laws, policies, or providing adequate training.

The absence of Reseda's district representatives, Bob Blumenfield and Nithya Raman, during public comments on this issue and others was not just embarrassing but also disrespectful to those voicing their concerns. As the Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee, Bob's motion to waive this issue after 6 months of inaction, further underscores his indifference to the ongoing challenges in our shelters. In truth, animals and shelters cannot afford such delays, especially as conditions continue to deteriorate.

The appalling conditions at animal shelters, such as the South LA Animal Shelter, highlight not merely a lack of staffing but also overcrowding and alarming rates of euthanasia due to the failure to uphold our laws or devise effective action plans. Volunteers who raise concerns are turned away, yet with more volunteers, the need for additional staffing could be mitigated.

Solutions exist, as evidenced by the multitude of organizations that spoke out during the March 15th meeting. It's unacceptable to rely on free spay and neuter clinics when our city receives substantial donations and funding. Despite the existence of abandonment laws, animals are routinely dumped without repercussions for their former owners. Breeding licenses are issued without consideration for the already rampant illegal breeding in our city.

In regards to the council file 23-1008 Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Dog Breeding Permits. We support if amended to detail clearly that the total dog kennel capacity cannot exceed 1 dog per kennel, as multiple dogs in kennels could be misleading to the population numbers and the safety of our dogs.

Shelters implore Mayor Karen Bass, LA Animal Services Commission, general managers, and our city council for assistance, yet the allocation of funds lacks clarity regarding their appropriate use. We support 23-1093 if amended to include a demand for the enforcement of spay and neuter programs within LA City Shelters, we advocate for implementing stricter controls on breeding licenses issuance (as detailed in 23-1008), coupled with enhanced background checks, to curb illegal breeding practices. Additionally, we aim to promote adoption over purchasing pets, fostering a culture of responsible pet ownership, and an end to the concealment of the realities within so-called "no-kill shelters." Stakeholders require transparency. Therefore, we request a comprehensive report back on this matter.

This statement passed in a Brown Act compliant meeting on March 18, 2024 with a vote of 11 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.